

Appl. No. 10/604,854
Amdt. dated March 24, 2006
Reply to Office action of January 13, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner:

Claims 12-22 are allowed. Claim 4, 6, 8, 10, and 11 are objected to as being
5 dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent
form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response:

The applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 12-22 and claims 4, 6, 8, 10,
10 and 11 if rewritten in an independent form.

Claims 1, 3, and 9 are currently canceled. While claim 4 incorporated into
previously presented claim 1 results the same limitations as claim 13 and claim 13 has
been allowed; therefore, claim 4 is currently canceled.

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A new claim 23 is added to be a dependent claim depending from claim 20. Claim
23 incorporated with claim 20 results the same limitations as the allowable claim 6
rewritten in an independent form. Therefore, claim 23 would be allowable if claim 6 is
allowable, and accordingly claim 6 is currently canceled.

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A new claim 24 is added to be a dependent claim depending from claim 21. Claim
24 incorporated with claim 21 results the same limitations as the allowable claim 8
rewritten in an independent form. Therefore, claim 24 would be allowable if claim 8 is
allowable, and accordingly claim 8 is currently canceled.

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A new claim 25 is added to be a dependent claim depending from claim 22. Claim
25 incorporated with claim 22 results the same limitations as the allowable claim 11

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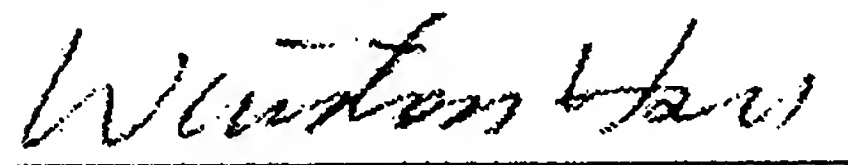
rewritten in an independent form. Therefore, claim 25 would be allowable if claim 11 is allowable, and accordingly claim 11 is currently canceled.

The applicant notices that the allowance of claim 10 is set forth in the Office Action.
5 However, in view of the "Allowable Subject Matter" set forth on page 5 of the Office Action, claim 10 is not indicated to be allowed. Therefore, claim 10 is currently canceled.

As a result of the claim amendments, no new matter has been introduced, and the
10 applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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